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# One Smile One World

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I believe the greatest satisfaction is making someone smile.

I worked with young children at my school's jump start program the last four summers. When working with kids this young, all your actions are maximized. They cannot read every thought or action you display, but most have a good idea what your intentions are. That is why just seeing their faces beam up when you make a goofy face is one of those moments that have no price tag. The smile on a young child's face is authentic; something you did made him very happy.

At the end of every summer, I had to change focus. Balancing school work, social life, and college preparation, working with kids was a much needed breath of fresh air from my hectic schedule. When working with these kids, I had the time of my life just being me and not worrying about how I was judged. These young kids, without knowing, are the most honest people I will ever meet. Just seeing a gentle smile is enough satisfaction for me in knowing I am doing something right.

In our society of 25/7 news and gossip, (yes, they managed squeezing another hour in), moments of self-reflection sometimes disappear. I think about all the people who have helped me in my life and what I have done to repay them. I would not be where I am without these amazing people. For every person who has helped me, I have received one thing back from all of them: a smile.

A smile is universal. It blends through all races, religions, and cultures. Making someone smile anywhere is an amazing feeling. I look back on all my years working with the children. These kids kick harder than a UFC fighter when trying to get out of their mom's car on the first day, but saw me as their best friend by the end of the day. In reality, they're smiling at someone

they really do not know, but who is to tell them they cannot show this genuine emotion? A smile is one small step towards making someone feel better. What's great is anyone can give and receive one.

There is no better feeling than making someone smile. This, I believe.